

just trying to keep away from as much controversy as I can Senator Fowler and get something through this year.

SPEAKER: Senator Mahoney, you had the floor.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Snyder how am I sure that your bus company and my bus company which serves Douglas and Omaha are going to see that we have 10¢ fares if we raise the mill levy two mills? How do you have that assurance from the Omaha transit company from the Mayor or the Councilmen?

SENATOR SNYDER: I have had letters and I'm sure that you have had letters

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you know that they are doing it, you know what there plans are to continue to upgrade the mass transit services to our citizens there and I am sure from a standpoint of having worked with these people. I have faith in the Mayor and I have faith in the transit authority board. Now if you want to continue....we have been through this every year that I have been down here where we tell the sub-division of government that you have got to do this, but we don't provide the money to do it with. It is awfully easy for us to sit here and sound good to people with programs that of course have a great amount of mass appeal, but we don't have the guts to go along and put the money there to do it.

SENATOR MAHONEY: Senator Snyder, the answer to that is 2 mills is two million dollars worth of guts. If they can't provide a 10¢ fare between the hours of 9 and 3 when nobody is sitting in the bus seats anyway, for two million dollars if you can't give a 10¢ fare in Omaha, I would like to run the bus company. But they are doing that.

SPEAKER: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: Let me clarify something up. I have received a lot of calls on this proposition from the elderly and the way this bill was written it says that on the non-busy time. The calls I have received they have objected to that they said just leave us alone and let us write any time that we want too, because if we are going to the doctor or to town or something like that we want to ride anytime that we want to and let the transit company handle it. They are doing a good job with reduced fares, but if you restrict us, to a certain time that we ride, we are opposed to it. Senator Mahoney he can demigog this thing all he wants to but the point is that he hasn't read the amendment and how it affects everyone. Now 660 passed the other day which follows federal funds into this program and some other things. This amendment will cost Omaha \$600,000 and I don't see why we should be stuck and if the when the rest of them are not. The point of this is that the local sub-division our local transit companies can handle this thing on their own with their own authority and we do not need this amendment. I mean we need the amendment to take out what Senator Snyder is trying to take out.

SPEAKER: Senator Carpenter were you requesting the floor? If you are, I will recognize you, but the Chair must say that from